

DESPERATE FIGHTING BEFORE WARSAW

Tremendous Losses Are Sustained On Both Sides

Jack Whyte, I. W. W. Organizer, Shot

R. L. J. D. Stegal Held For Melee That Occurred Last Evening at a Dinner Party--Whyte Paralyzed by Bullet Grazing His Spinal Column.

Jack Whyte, a national organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, was shot and possibly fatally injured last evening at about 6:30 at the home of Mrs. Abbott, located a short distance back of the fire station. Robert Lee Jefferson Davis Stegal, a resident of Tonopah for a number of years and at one time a knight of the green cloth, is held in the county jail waiting an investigation of the tragedy.

According to the story of Mrs. Abbott, White and James McGucken, the latter also and I. W. W. organizer, and who was recently released by the grand jury from the county jail, were having supper with her when Stegal came to the front door and demanded admission.

Mrs. Abbott asked: "Who's there?" The reply was "Stegal." Her narrative continues: "I said to him: 'You can't come in; you're looking for trouble.' Afterwards he knocked at the side door. I said: 'You can't come in.' He replied: 'I'll show you,' and he burst in the door and pulled a gun.

"I grabbed him and the gun exploded and the next thing I saw was Whyte lying on the kitchen floor. I don't know how Whyte was shot. Stegal immediately ran away. I gave the alarm. Whyte and Stegal must have been very close together, for Whyte's flesh was burned from the discharge of the shot."

Stegal says: "I went to Mrs. Abbott's house for a suit case she had of mine, which she had loaned to a third party. When I went into the house Whyte pulled a gun and I grabbed him and the gun was pressed against his side when it went off and Whyte fell. Mrs. Abbott then pulled a gun and I ran out of the house."

The police have been unable to find either gun spoken of. Stegal's version of the affair seems to be corroborated in one respect. People living within a few feet of the Abbott house did not hear the discharge of the pistol, the muzzle of which must have

MERRY CHRISTMAS PLANNED BY LOCAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE SHUT-INS THERE

Preparations for merry Christmas are being made by the several institutions in the town of Tonopah containing people who are unable to go to their homes for the day, even if they possessed homes. An effort will be made to have the day as cheery as possible, with the dinners that are made the chief means of observance of the holiday.

At the county jail there will be turkey served and all of the trimmings that are not of an intoxicating character. The prisoners during the recent term have been holding courts and have received from this source a considerable sum in small change, which will be used to supplement the

RAILROADS DAMAGED BY FLOODS ON DESERT

(By Associated Press.) DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Five inches of rain in four days caused the greatest flood and heaviest damage in recent years. The railroads are suffering. Reports of damage came from Bisbee, the vicinity of Phoenix and other places.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS ARE PUT TO WORK

(By Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—Germany is sending large numbers of Russian prisoners to Schleswig-Holstein to work in the reclamation and cultivation of marsh land.

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TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:	1914	1913
5 a. m.	18	20
9 a. m.	22	21
12 noon	25	25
2 p. m.	30	24

WIRELESS OUTFIT IS REMOVED FROM BRITISH STEAMER

CANAL ZONE POLICE OBJECTED TO SENDING OF CODE MESSAGES

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Crenshaw, of Panama, has cabled the navy department that the wireless equipment of the British steamer Proteus, at Balboa, was dismantled by the canal police, after it was found it was sending code messages. The Proteus is under charter by the British government. It was assumed it carried coal and other supplies to warships.

DAMPER PUT ON MANY SPORTS BY THE WAR

ALARMING FINANCIAL DEFICITS SAID TO SHOW FOR THE SEASON

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—Most of the prominent professional cricket clubs in England show an alarming financial deficit for the season, as a result of the damper which war put on the sport after August 1.

The Lancashire Cricket club, with an annual income of about \$40,000, had a loss of \$6,500. The Northamptonshire club was able to finish its season only through the receipt of a gift of \$2,500 from Lord Lilford, an enthusiastic follower of the sport. The club has decided to abandon the game for the year 1915 and assess all members a sum sufficient to enable the organization to start the 1916 season free of debt.

The Hampshire County club, after beginning the year with a large surplus, finds itself at the end of the season with a deficit of \$4,500. Exact figures are not available for the other prominent clubs, but it is known that all have suffered severely.

NEW YEAR EVE PARTY BY TONOPAH ELKS

The Tonopah lodge of Elks, No. 1062, will dance the old year out and the new year in. Refreshments will be enjoyed. The party will be for Elks and their ladies only. It will be a domino and clown suit party and all are expected to be suitably attired.

STATE VOTE CANVASSED AT CARSON MONDAY

Justices of the supreme court met with Secretary of State Brodigan at Carson City Monday to canvass recent election returns of the state on state and congressional offices and constitutional amendments. Following the canvass, the governor shall grant a certificate of election to and commission the persons having the highest number of votes, and shall also issue proclamations, declaring the election of such persons. As there are no close contests for any of the state offices or for congressional, no change will probably be made in the results heretofore reported on those offices.

EBB AND FLOW OF BATTLE'S TIDE AS VICTORIES FOLLOW DEFEATS IN BOTH EAST AND WEST WAR ZONES

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—Although further progress has apparently been made by the allies, in the general offensive movement, the Germans are standing fast. They have lost no important sections of the long battle line on which they settled after the retreat which followed the battle of the Marne early in the war. Official statements indicate that each side has had victories and defeats. The French assert they have captured the last section of the line of German trenches near Perthes-le-Hurlus, where fighting was severe for several days. They gained 800 yards. The Germans, in reference to this engagement, say the French attack was partly repelled. The French assert that the Russians are pressing forward for an invasion of Germany, but admit that the Germans have progressed west of Warsaw.

LISBON, Dec. 23.—The Germans have again invaded Angola, in Portuguese West Africa. They attacked the military post at Naulila. A small force at the post retreated. The German invasion, said to have been defeated in October, is denied at Berlin.

GOETHALS WANTS TEN MILLIONS FOR PANAMA ZONE

TWO VESSELS REPORTED TO HAVE VIOLATED RULES OF NEUTRALITY

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The request of Col. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, for warships to preserve the neutrality of the United States, suggested by naval officers in charge of naval affairs at the zone, was forwarded to Washington by Goethals as a matter of form, the colonel announced upon his arrival. Naval officers have reported two violations of American neutrality. The vessels are unnamed. Goethals expects to go to Washington after Christmas to urge congress to appropriate \$10,000,000 for dry docks, barracks and wharves in the canal zone. There are 25,000 men on the pay roll at Panama.

ARIZONA DESERT TURNS TO DESTRUCTIVE SEA

(By Associated Press.) TUCSON, Dec. 23.—Rain since Saturday has flooded vast sections near Santa Cruz. The water course is a mile and a half wide. Many houses and stores have been wrecked. The desert between Tucson and Phoenix is flooded.

DESPERATE FIGHTING OCCURS NEAR WARSAW

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—Desperate fighting is taking place west of Warsaw between Germans and Russians. It is one of the greatest battles of the war. Winter is on in full force. Each side sustained tremendous losses and each claims advantages.

APPROPRIATION VOTED FOR CONTINUING WAR

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 23.—The chamber of deputies has voted an appropriation of \$1,700,000,000 to cover the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of war.

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY DANCE

The Junior Assembly will hold another of their winter series of dances Thursday evening at Knights of Columbus hall. A three-piece orchestra has been engaged and a good time is assured all who attend. Invitations have been issued and those who are working late should not fail to be present.

FAMOUS ATHLETES KILLED OR CAPTURED IN WAR

(By Associated Press.) DUNKIRK, France, Dec. 23.—J. Gabriel Poulain, who won the world's professional bicycle sprint championship in 1905, and O. Lapize, an Olympic games champion and a widely known professional rider, have been killed in action. Among those reported captured by the Germans are Troussellier, a famous road rider; Brocco, a six-day racer; Berthet, a former holder of the world's one-hour record; and Hourlier, last year's sprint champion.

KAISER ON WAY TO THE BATTLE FRONT

(By Associated Press.) COLOGNE, Dec. 23.—The kaiser, with his staff, arrived today from Berlin, en route to the western battle front.

FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE CROSS OF FRANCIS JOSEPH

(By Associated Press.) VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The emperor, in encouragement of the efforts made by the women in behalf of the army, has bestowed the Cross of the Francis Joseph Order for the first time upon a woman, the wife of an Austrian lieutenant who displayed conspicuous bravery by her husband's side in the trenches.

IMPOTANT BATTLE BREWING IN SOUTHWESTERN POLAND

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—The Russians are moving toward Cracow from the north and east. An important battle is developing in southwestern Poland near Cracow.

DEMURRER IS ARGUED IN DISTRICT COURT

The case of the State of Nevada against Parsons and Bailey occupied the attention of the district court this morning. The defendants, who were represented by Charles L. Richards, are charged with grand larceny, namely, the taking of a gold watch and diamond ring. Frank Hill is the complaining witness. Argument on demurrer was heard by Judge Averill and ruling will be given on or before December 28.

Brewery Finds Hard Sledding

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The Hooster-Columbus Breweries company, a \$12,000,000 corporation, is in the hands of receivers by order of the federal court. "Decreased demand for beer, adverse legislation and voting 'dry' in many states and counties in the last eight years" are given as the cause.